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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 700
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A RESOLUTION to honor Directors Keith Brown and Dwight Porter and the members of the prestigious Milan High School Band.

WHEREAS, school bands, although often unheralded, play an important role in promoting school unity and athletic excellence; and

WHEREAS, a superb example of one such outstanding band is the highly regarded Milan High School Band, which has performed on an unprecedented level throughout the 1999-2000 school year; and

WHEREAS, this esteemed group of individuals dedicated countless hours in rigorous practices preparing for performances at football games, and for the intense competitions throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, the MHS Band has been an ardent supporter of the MHS football team; cheering the players through a successful season that ended with a state championship; and

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WHEREAS, in addition to their displays of school spirit as part of the athletic program, the band entered the field of competition and participated in six events in the Northeast, Gibson County, WTSBOA, JCM, Union City, and St. Louis competitions; and

WHEREAS, the band's stellar performances in competition earned high honors; it was awarded the overall band Superior Rating, Overall Best Majorettes, both Superior and Division II-First Place for the Percussion, both Superior and Division II-Second Place for the Guard, both Superior and Division II-Second Place for Field Commander, overall rating of Excellent Band, and placed sixth overall in the Large Class out of forty eight bands; and

WHEREAS, to earn these notable honors the band proved their musical prowess, technical expertise, and performed with precise movements and expert formations before cheering crowds of captivated spectators; and

WHEREAS, Leesa Taylor, Stacy Scott, Kelly Patterson, and Cassie Moseley have adroitly served as the band's field commanders, and the majorettes, percussion, and guard have been fortunate to have gifted captains to lead each group to success in their respective divisions;

WHEREAS, the band members have been extremely fortunate to have Keith Brown as their director; he is the state chairman of All-State Jazz, was selected to the Tennessee Arts Academy for the summer of 2000, and has been nominated as Disney All-American Teacher of the Year for the fall of 2000; and

WHEREAS, the band has also been enthusiastically supported and guided by Director Dwight Porter, whose dedication to excellence has greatly benefited each member; and

WHEREAS, for their performances during the concert band season, several of the MHS Band members were honored, including Yvonne Barnes, Amber Tomberlin, and Justin Condrón, who received All-State West honors; David Rhodes and Annika Tomberlin who were selected for All-State West Jazz Band; and David Rhodes, who took top honors in the state as the first chair tenor at All-State Jazz Band; and

WHEREAS, those dedicated MHS Band members who were instrumental in the band's numerous accomplishments during the year include: Marquita Austin, Claudia Baker, Brooke Bettie, Candace Brown, Fallon Clark, Jennifer Cody, Melanie Crabtree, Meloney Denton, Kelly Duncan, Anna Eubanks, Amanda Foren, Stacy Fuller, Erica Gaines, Tonya Hudson, Brandie Ivy, Amy Madison, Amber McCartney, Anne McMinn, Hazel McMinn, Breka Moore, Marquette Pirtle, Stacy Scott, Brittany Thomas, Kimberly Tidwell, Heather Whitney, Jillian Alred, Katharine Appleton, Yvonne Barnes, Heather Bass, Kristopher Baxley, Jonathan Bell, Connie Bibbs, Kameishea Bigham, Ashley Blankenship, Dustin Bragg, Brittney Bunn, Lindsey Cartwright, Erica Coleman, Justin Condron, Jonathan Cooper, Phalon Crayton, Shericka Cunningham, Ellen Dedmon, Jenny Dodson, Michael Dodson, Matthew Elsroad, Candice Floyd, Amanda Foren, Mallory Foster, Jason Frazier, Joshua Frech, Samantha Gibbs, Emily Glisson, Laura Gordon, Megan Gordon, Joseph Griffin, Nathan Gurley, Dustin Harris, Rachel Hazlewood, Amanda Hopper, Chrishanna Jarrett, Emily Jay, Cynthia Johnson, Dimetric Johnson, Lindy Johnson, Natasha Johnson, Lee Jones, Rachel Jones, Tara Jones, Marquita Jordan, Susan Lane, Brian Lowery, Tymara Martin, Gregory Mercer, April Arrington, Jonathan Bell, Benjamin Brown, Tom Brown, Karissa Dyar, Matthew Gray, Meagan Green, Spartus Herron, Adam Lowery, Lauren Mullins, James Osborne, Brandon Pratt, Crystal Quick, Gerome Scott, Christopher Smith, Sharon Stewart, Elizabeth Thompson, Annika Tomberlin, Channing Venters, Jerry Whitmore, Bryan Winningham, Erin Miller, Kerry Mills, Ashlee Moore, Michael Moore, Cassie Moseley, Amanda O'Keefe, Rachel Parker, Kelly Patterson, Tara Phelps, Cheslee Pope, Brandon Pratt, Meredith Reynolds, Sarah Reynolds, David Rhodes, Heather Rics, Rebekah Robbins, Malorie Scott, Stacy Scott, Jessica Short, Kathleen Smith, Theodore Smith, Edward Stewart, Nicholas Tatum, Leesa Taylor, Kristi Todd, Amber Tomberlin, Brandi Vestal, Marian Williams, James Young, and Marissa Young; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we pause to salute this fine group of talented young people and their leaders; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Band Directors Keith Brown and Dwight Porter, and the members of the Milan High School Band on their outstanding accomplishments, and extend to them our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copies.